(c) what is the number of unemployed educated; and

(d) whether the unemployment among educated persons is increasing or decreasing?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. As per information received from the office of the Kerala Public Service Commission, only 1,95,660 applications have been received for 16 vacancies of Lower Division Clerk etc. in Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board.

(b) Number of persons, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered in employment exchanges in Kerala as on 31.12.94 was about 42 lakhs. The percentage of workers in the organised sector as compared to the total workers in Kerala was around 12% in the year 1991.

(c) Number of educated (Matric & above) job-seekers in Kerala was around 28 lakhs as on 31.12.1994.

(d) The number of educated (matric & above) job-seekers on the live register is increasing.

Survey on Employment propects of Beedi workers

964. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of conducting an economic survey on the likely impact on employment prospects of beedi workers due to fresh restrictions proposed: and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the survey is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Payment of bonus and wages to the employees of Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam

965. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay in making the payment of bonus and wages to the employees of N.P.C.C. Ltd. presently known as Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Ltd. and they have not been paid for the last about eight months; and

(b) if so, the details and steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Payment of salaries/wages could not be made to the employees in 27 units of the Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam Limited (RPNN), formerly known as National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd. for periods varying from six to eight months, due to financial crisis. The Ministry of Water Resources has released Rs. 6.89 crores in March, 1995 as loan to RPNN to meet its short term working capital requirements. Arrangements have been made by the Nigam to make payment of salaries/wages.

The company does not fulfil the conditions stipulated in Section 20

of the Payment of Bonus Act. Therefore, the provisions of Payment of Bonus Act do not apply to it. The company has been making ex-gratia payments in the past to its employees in accordance with the instructions issued every year by the Department of Public Enterprises. No such instruction has been received for the year 1993-94.

Allocation of funds to Bihar under the National Child Labour Projects

966. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted any funds to Bihar under the National Child Labour Projects during the years 1992, 1993, 1994 and so far is 1995;

(b) if so, the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) if not; the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) There is one National Child Labour Project currently running in Garwah, Bihar. It covers 450 children. Particulars of funds so far allotted are as follows:—

1993—94	Rs. 6,46,000/-
1994—95	Rs. 1.05,000/-

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) above.

Arrears of PF lying with South End School, Calcutta

967. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of provident fund arrears accumulated in case of South End School, Calcutta:

(b) how many employees were working in the school in the past and present, indicating the date of eligibility of each employee and the PF balance in case of each employee;

(c) what were the irregularities and violation committed by the concerned South End School, Calcutta in PF issue;

(d) what action the PF authorities initiated in case of South End School, Calcutta;

(e) whether it is a fact that South End School, Calcutta is affiliated to the Council for School Certificate Examination under the Delhi Education Act, 1973 section 2(e) and the rules thereunder; and

(f) if so, whether the Council has violated affiliation rules and whether PF authorities brought the same to the notice to appropriate authorities for action, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) 'NIL'.

(b) to (d) There were 21 employees eligible for membership of the EPF scheme at the time of coverage. At present there are 42 employees. The returns submitted by the school are found to be defective. As such the information relating to eligibility of each employee and his PF balance is not available. The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner West Bengal has taken up the matter for investigation.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Employees Provident Fund authorities are not concerned with violation of the affiliation rules by South End School, Calcutta. As such, the question of the EPF authorities bringing the same to the notice of the appropriate authorities does not arise.